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SUBJECT: STAFFDEL BLUM

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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH BLUM ON VESCO EXTRADITION DOCUMENTS WHERE RECORD OF DEPARTMENT'S ENERGETIC PURSUIT OF MATTER IS CLEAR. WE ALSO WISH TO DISABUSE BLUM OF ANY MISCONCEPTIONS HE MAY HAVE ON THIS POINT. HOWEVER, REQUEST FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS WOULD RAISE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS REQUIRING STUDY INCLUDING RELEVANCE TO COMMITTEE'S INQUIRY, CONSISTENCY WITH APPROACH TAKEN IN OTHER PHASES OF COMMITTEE'S WORK AND PROPRIETY OF LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF ONGOING CRIMINAL MATTER. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT CLEARANCE WOULD BE NECESSARY, IN ANY EVENT, AND WE HAVE INITIATED CONSULTATIONS WITH THEM.

2. WE RECOMMEND IF BLUM DOES REQUEST ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED
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MATERIAL, THAT YOU INFORM HIM THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ADVISED

TO REFER SUCH REQUEST TO WASHINGTON. WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO REACT PROMPTLY. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ALL OF BLUM'S REQUESTS BEFORE RESPONDING TO ANY AND IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON PURPOSE OF THE INQUIRY, HOW IT RELATES TO THE COMMITTEE'S WORK, AND ANY PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE BLUM MAY ATTACH TO CONSIDERING

THIS MATERIAL IN THE FIELD RATHER THAN WASHINGTON.
(BLUM'S INTEREST MAY EXTEND TO VARIOUS SENSITIVE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO VESCO'S ACTIVITIES IN COSTA RICA AND RELATIONS WITH GOCR LEADERS).

3. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS ALL ASPECTS OF EXTRADITION CASE WITH BLUM FULLY AND CANDIDLY DRAWING ON SUBSTANCE OF TELEGRAMS AS APPROPRIATE. IF YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR ARRANGING FOR BLUM TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH ODIO. ROGERS

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